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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2009 AS HEALTH CARE DECISIONS WEEK IN
ARIZONA.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, it is important for people to make health care decisions
2 before they are needed; and

3 Whereas, health care planning is a process, rather than a single
4 decision, that helps people think about the kind of care they would want if
5 they become seriously ill or incapacitated, encourages them to talk with
6 their loved ones and doctors and assists them in writing down their wishes;
7 and

8 Whereas, advance directives give people the ability to document their
9 wishes and identify the person to speak for them should they become unable to
10 speak for themselves; and

11 Whereas, introducing these issues in community settings can help people
12 begin conversations about their health care wishes with a family member,
13 close friend, physician or faith leader; and

14 Whereas, Arizona has a number of local coalitions throughout the state
15 that are working to involve individuals and families in health care planning
16 through educational forums, discussion groups, speaker's bureaus and
17 training; and

18 Whereas, several Arizona organizations representing health care
19 providers, consumers and local coalitions have joined together to sponsor a
20 week-long focus on health care decisions.

21 Therefore

22 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
23 Representatives concurring:

24 1. That Members of the Legislature proclaim the week of November 1,
25 2009 as Health Care Decisions Week in the State of Arizona and encourage all
26 citizens to think and talk with loved ones about their wishes for medical
27 care.

28 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
29 of this Resolution to health care coalitions and organizations throughout
30 Arizona.